



Environmental Response



Session 3A -- Updating PHIN
Requirements for Key Public Health
Events, May 14, 2003

Overarching Comments -- Communications

- Roles and Responsibilities (CDC, EPA, State, Local)
- Protocols for Communication
- Redundancy in mode or path in case a message is not received
- Replace Paper with Electronic
- Parallel Reporting (not sequential)
- Need Contact List - local, fire, police

Overarching Comments

- Need for proactive analysis -- contact info, geographic mapping, syndromic surveillance
- Surge issues -- possibility of working w/ environmental labs
- EPA notification when samples test positive
- Include Locals with State
- HL7 may not be the best format for communicating environmental sample info
- What about non-LRN labs?

Communication Modes

- PR 17, 29 -- lab result data -- need query as well as reporting
- PR 21 -- query for case info from state/local to clinical site -- add telephone and fax
- PR 28 -- positive confirmation from PH Lab -- add local, add HL7 message

Notification

PR 3-5

- Clarify characteristics of BT incident
- Who has jurisdiction? FBI, ODP etc.
- Protocols for communication
- Unlikely that there would be a direct communication from local fire/police to CDC. Would go through local/state notification process.

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Field Team Sends Specimens to PH Lab for Testing

- Add environmental samples as well as specimens. Need uniform chain of custody for samples - who controls all the way from collection to destruction.
- Add actual specimen, send by secure carrier, or specify whether materials being sent are data or specimen samples

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PR 33, 34, 35

Field Team Sends Copies of Specimen Context

- Define specimen **and** sample context

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Thanks To All Participants

- Active Participation
- Respect for Others
- Thoughtful Feedback
- Real-Life Examples